

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 6/9/03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for 90784 – injection of contrast material with ____, dated 10/7/02 and denied by the carrier on the basis of “G” – global.

II. RATIONALE

The 1996 Medical Fee Guideline, Radiology/Nuclear Medicine Ground Rules (II)(A) states, “(1) Ionic contrast material for radiological procedure(s) is considered part of the procedure and shall not be reimbursed as a separate item.

The respondent submitted a copy of an excerpt from The American Medical Association’s, the Coding Strategies, Inc. *Coding Guide for Radiology*, 2001 Edition, (pg.44) which states, “”How Contrast Media Impacts Coding” “Most radiology CPT codes stating “with contrast”, consider the contrast material to be administered intravenously. The coder should not report the contrast administration separately, since it is considered to be included in the description of the imaging study.”

These sources support that both the contrast material and injection should be considered global. On this basis, reimbursement is not recommended.

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is not** entitled to reimbursement for 90784 – injection.

The above Findings and Decision are hereby issued this 07th day of April 2004.

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